

Our Vision

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GOAL 3 / ECONOMY

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“Conservation Recreation” Vision

& recreate within

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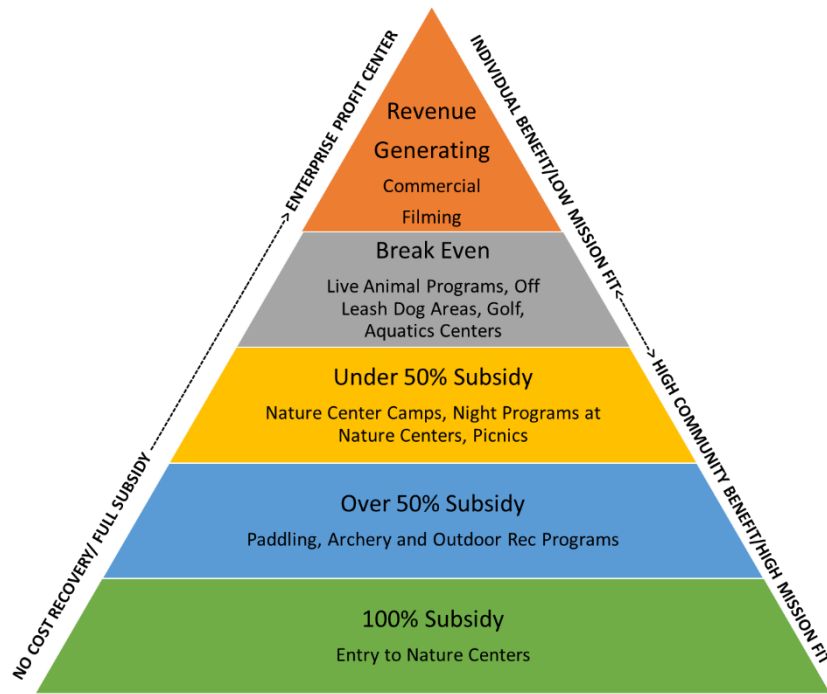
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Connecting to Nature

A collage of eight photographs arranged in a 3x3 grid, with the bottom-right cell empty. The top-left photo shows children around a campfire. The top-middle photo shows people hiking on a path. The top-right photo shows a family biking. The middle-left photo shows a picnic shelter. The middle-middle photo shows a child on a water slide. The middle-right photo shows a child skiing. The bottom-left photo shows a group around a fire pit. The bottom-middle photo shows children with cameras. The bottom-right photo shows children in a canoe.



Should the FPCC keep, add or close recreation activities and facilities? If so, which ones?

Sample Tool 1: MacMillan Matrix

Program	Fit		Economic Attractiveness		Alternate Coverage		Competitive Position	
	Good	Poor	High	Low	High	Low	Strong	Weak
Aquatic centers								
Golf courses								
Camp-grounds								
Zipline								

Sample Tool 2: DeSantiago Worksheet

Owner Input Sheet

Step 1: Owner (CCFPD) identifies the Criteria that will be evaluated.

Step 2: Owner assigns a Weight Factor to each Criterion.

Criterion #1	Economic Impact	Criterion Weight (1 - 5)	Attribute Weights (1 - 5)
Attributes			
Attribute 1	First Cost (Lower Cost = Higher Score)		5
Attribute 2	Operating Cost Lower Cost = Higher Score)		4
Attribute 3	Financially Self-sustaining		5
Attribute 4	Attribute #4 Description (If needed)		3

Step 3: Owner & Team determine the attributes of each criterion that will be scored by the team.

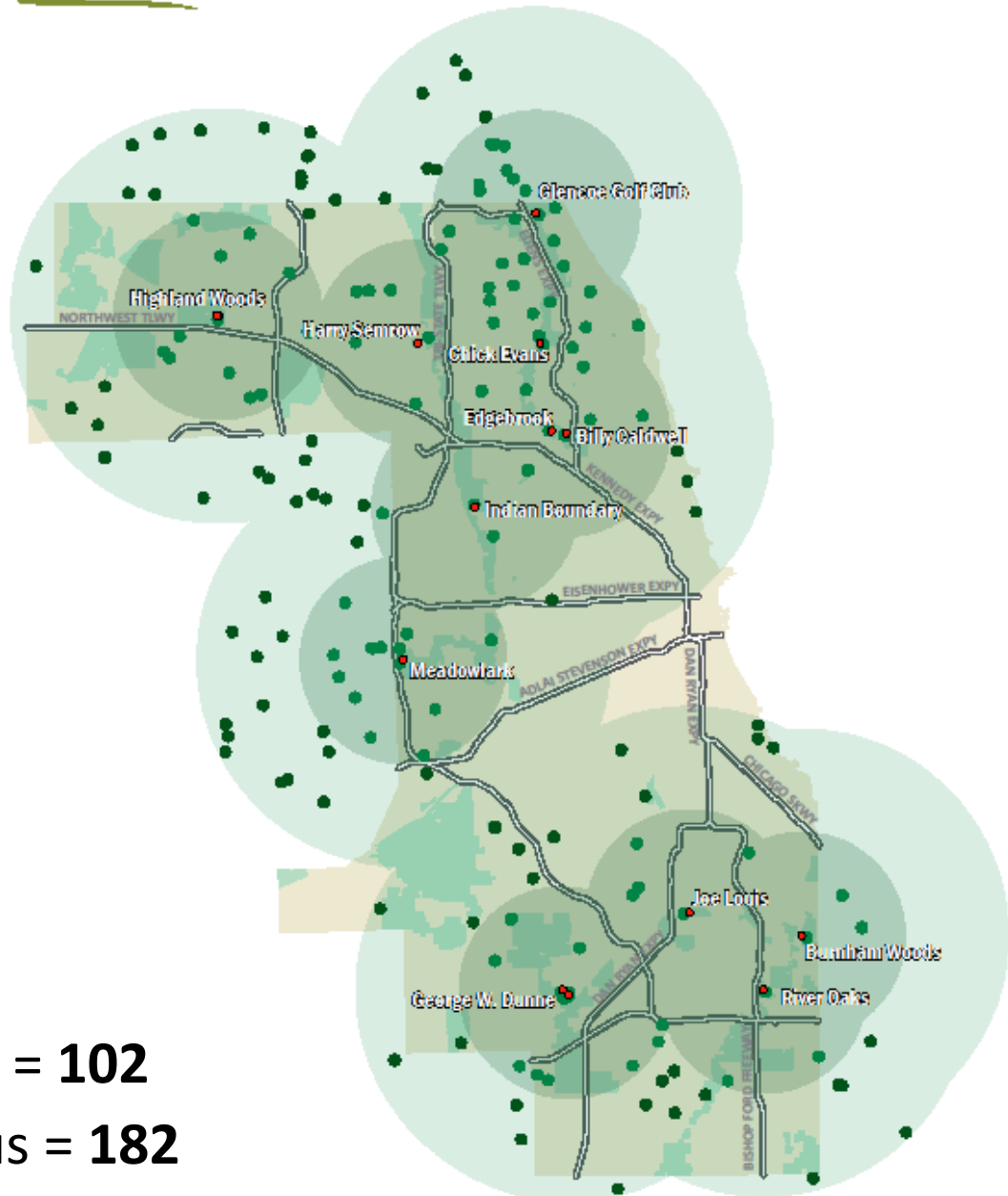
Step 4: Owner & Team assign a Weight Factor to each Attribute. The more important, the higher the Weight Factor.

Criterion #2	Ecological Impact	Criterion Weight (1 - 5)	Attribute Weights (1 - 5)
Attributes			
Attribute 1	Neutral or positive impact on natural area		5
Attribute 2	Neutral or positive impact on native species		5
Attribute 3	Poses no threat to endangered species*		5
Attribute 4	Attribute #4 Description (If needed)		3

* Any program that negatively impacts threatened or endangered species is disqualified.

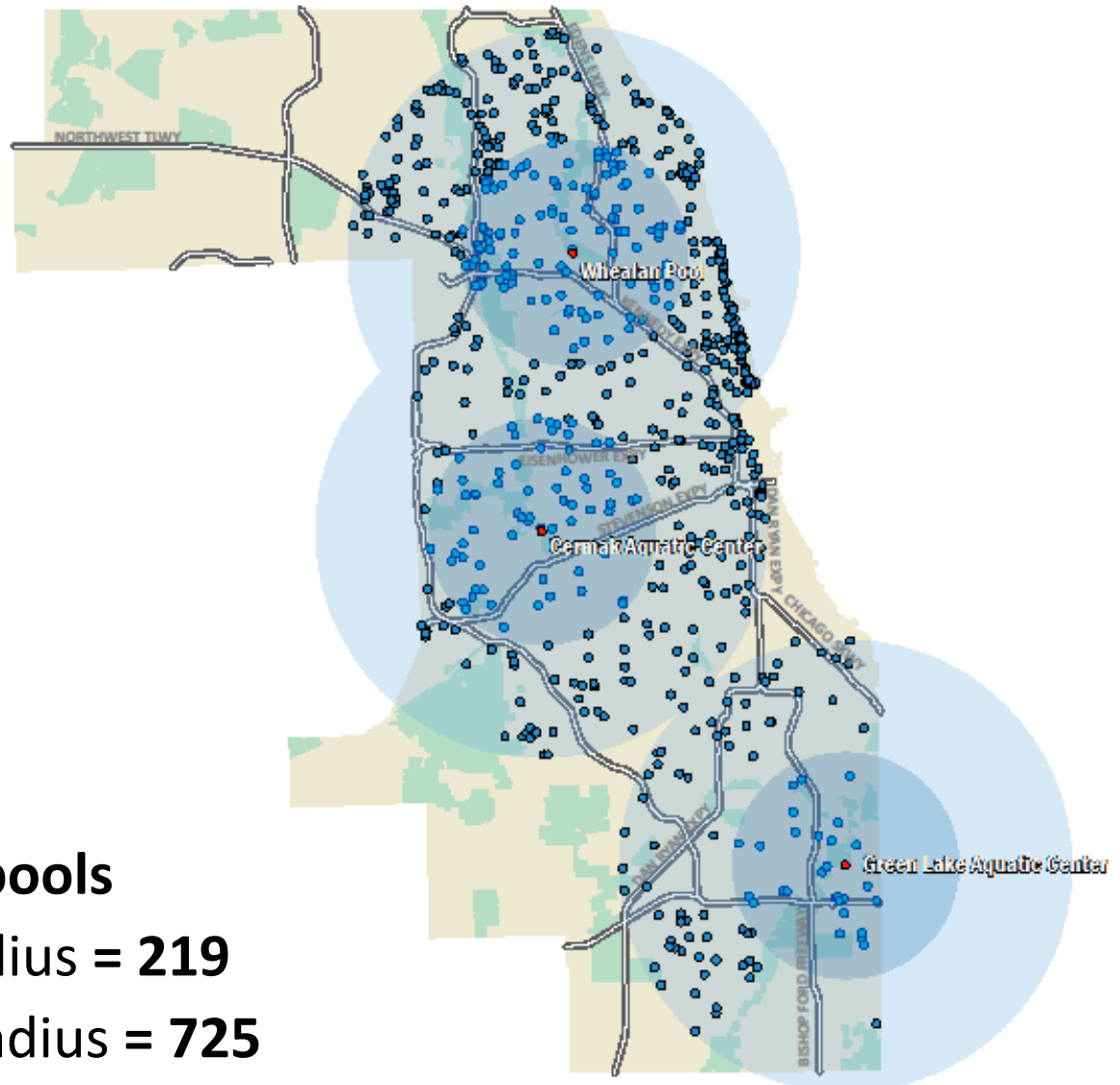
Criterion #3	Community Impact	Criterion Weight (1 - 5)	Attribute Weights (1 - 5)
Attributes			
Attribute 1	Recreational resource to adjacent community		4
Attribute 2	Attracts community members to CCFPD		5
Attribute 3	Highly regarded by community and political leaders		5
Attribute 4	Attribute #4 Description (If needed)		3

Criterion #4	Alignment with Mission	Criterion Weight (1 - 5)	Attribute Weights (1 - 5)
Attributes			
Attribute 1	Consistent with Founders' vision		5
Attribute 2	Adds new forested acres		5
Attribute 3	Adds restored acres		5
Attribute 4	Attribute #4 Description (If needed)		3



Public golf courses

- within 5 mile radius = **102**
- within 10 mile radius = **182**



Public swimming pools

- within 5 mile radius = **219**
- within 10 mile radius = **725**

Next Steps

1. Refine definition of (compatible) “Conservation Recreation”
2. Use tools to conduct pilot assessments
3. Use tools to assess existing recreation programs, establish recreation context, help understand priorities, future direction, and co-funding opportunities
4. If programs are recommended to be eliminated, identify stakeholders and develop engagement process.
5. Continue coordination with the Racial Equity group to ensure a racial equity lens is applied to this process.